

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SEOUL 05410 150440Z

12

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-15

RSR-01 /084 W

----- 089352

R 150428Z AUG 73

FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9499

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

CINCPAC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SEOUL 5410

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, KS, JA, PFOR

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG

1. AUGUST 15 MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE EXTENSIVE PLAY TO KIM TAE-CHUNG STORY, CONCENTRATING ON PLEDGE OF PROSECUTOR GENERAL TO APPREHEND KIDNAPPERS AND ON KOREAN AND JAPANESE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS. NO SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED IN INVESTIGATION.

2. HEAVY PRESS PLAY GIVEN TO REPORTS FROM TOKYO, INCLUDING CONTINUED GOJ INTEREST IN RETURN OF KIM TAE-CHUNG AND YANG IL-DONG TO JAPAN. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT ROK MOFA EXPRESSED CONCERN TO THE EMBASSY OVER POSSIBLE EXTENSIVE JAPANESE PRESS SPECULATION ON ROKG INVOLVEMENT IN KIDNAPPING.

3. UNDERSTAND KIM, IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH NEWSMEN HAS MENTIONED DESIRE TO RETURN TO JAPAN AND EVENTUALLY THE U.S. AUGUST 14 CHOSON ILBO CARRIED STORY THAT KIM TAE-CHUNG TOLD JAPANESE REPORTERS HE HAS A SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY BEGINNING THIS SEPTEMBER.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SEOUL 05410 150440Z

4. AUGUST 15 HANGUK ILBO CARRIED VERY SMALL FRONT PAGE

ARTICLE REPORTING AUGUST 14 STATEMENT BY DEPT SPOKESMAN BRAY
EXPRESSING SATISFACTION OVER KIM'S SAFE RETURN. IN ANOTHER
SMALL ARTICLE, CHOSON ILBO PRINTED ADDITIONAL QUOTE BY BRAY
TO EFFECT THAT THE U.S. DEPLORES SUCH ACTS AS KIDNAPPING
AND HOPES KIM'S FREEDOM TO RETURN TO THE U.S. WILL NOT BE
RESTRICTED IF HE WISHES TO DO SO.
HABIB

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: KIDNAPPING, REPATRIATION, POLITICAL LEADERS, NEWS MEDIA COMMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 AUG 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: elyme
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SEOUL05410
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: SEOUL
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730836/aaaabajr.tel
Line Count: 68
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: elyme
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 NOV 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07-Nov-2001 by martinml>; APPROVED <05-Dec-2001 by elyme>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, KS, JA, (KIM, TAE CHUNG)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005